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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is drawn from subsoil wells.

Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore

* 298 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts kept vacant in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore, Madras, as on 1st March 1961; and

(*b*) the period from which they remain vacant and the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Four posts of Assistant Surgeons.

(*b*) One post was vacant from 2nd July, 1960, another from 13th July 1960, the third from 31st December, 1960 and the fourth from 6th February, 1961. They were vacant mainly due to the paucity of qualified candidates for appointment. All the four posts have since been filled up in the first fortnight of April, 1961.

Mangalur Panchayat

* 299 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any higher elementary school in Mangalur Panchayat in Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is one higher elementary school in the village.

Drawing masters

* 300 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the qualification essential in the case of drawing masters in aided secondary schools to entitle them to the special pay of Rs. 5 under the revised scales?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*i*) A pass in III Form and a Government Diploma in Drawing

or

(ii) A completed S.S.L.C. and a pass in Government technical examination by higher grade in free-hand outline and model drawing.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Am I to undrstand that this Rs. 5 extra pay is applicable to both these categories?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I inform the Government that there are breaches of this rule with regard to payment and can the Government examine this question as to how this can be enforced? What is the real agency through which the payment of this special pay is enforced under the revised scales?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Only the particular teacher will have to be paid. There is no separate agency.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government issued instructions to their auditors to see during their audit whether the revised scales have been fixed and, if not fixed, to enforce them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sure the teachers are quite aware of what they are entitled to get. If there are any grievances, they may be brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities.

Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre

3-10 p.m. * 301 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre at Madras; and

(b) if so, the work done by the Centre so far?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that the Madras Government were unable to assist the centre financially and that that is the reason why the Centre thought of shifting it to Bangalore?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, not that way, Sir. As regards research centres, there was a pattern. Now that pattern has been changed and in respect of all research centres, the financial implication is to be met entirely by the Central Government. We pointed that out to the Central Government but without giving any reply to that, they said that the object of the centre had been fulfilled and that there was no necessity for the continuance of the research centre.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact that the Union Public Health Minister in a statement told the press that the Madras Government were unable to meet their part of the expenses and that that was the reason why he was compelled to close?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, not that the Madras Government were unable to. They pointed out that it was the liability of the Central Government to meet the expenditure in view of the changed pattern effected by them, namely, that the centre should be mainly run by them. We pointed that out to them but without giving a reply, suddenly they closed the centre.

Underground drainage system in Kancheepuram

* 302 Q.—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce underground drainage system in Kancheepuram, Chingleput district?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 329–332 infra.